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The Church and Field.

Bro. E. L. Yoder left for Huntington, Ind., and Chicago, last Saturday.

Bro. W. C. Perry is now down to hard study in the Valparaiso, Ind., Normal School.

Please notice the call made for a Steward of the Boarding Hall, by brother Holsinger in Semi-editorial.

Sister Lottie Holsinger, and her sister, Mrs. Nowag, of Berlin, Pa., left to visit Chicago, Omaha, and Denver, last Sunday evening.

We call the attention of our correspondents to the way Bro. Spanogle reports church news. Brief and pointed; and that is just the way we want it.

See the notice of the Western Pa. S. S. Convention in another column, and arrange to attend it and the dedication of the new Masontown meeting house.

Sister Bashor, wife of Bro. S. H. B., was dangerously sick lately, but at last accounts was getting well again. Bro. B. was also much fatigued after his protracted efforts at Enon.

Elder J. P. Hetric baptized six persons at the Harmonyville church, June 13. Coventry church is enjoying large congregations. J. P. Hetric preaches good and interesting sermons. So reports sister Emma Stouffer.

Once more we must inform our correspondents that they sign their names to their articles or we can pay no attention to them. We do not insist that in all cases the name must be published, but we must know who the writer is.

We call special attention to Bro. Brown's call extraordinary in another column. We must have this matter attended to promptly, if at all. We mean to get out the annual in good time this year and all matter intended for it must reach us by at least the 1st of October.

Bro. Keim, of Johnstown, Pa., informs us that the mission Sabbath school recently organized at that place promises well. They are looking about for an evangelist, expecting to hold a series of meetings in the near future. We want to hear of such arrangements in all the churches. Let every member of the church be an interested worker in bringing souls to Christ.

We learn by Elder Baneman's correspondence in the G. M., that the West Otter Creek church, (G. B.) has confessed its mistake and made apologies to Eld. D. B. Gibson, for expelling some of his children from the church. It is well enough to begin rectifying mistakes in this world, and as many similar mistakes have been made, the G. B. churches cannot begin too soon, or engage too diligently in the good work.

WANTED—A man to act as janitor of Ashland College. His duties will be to sweep and care for the rooms, build fires, ring the bell, and care for the walks and shrubbery etc. A married man could be accommodated with rooms in the College building, but small children or a large family would be objectionable. The man must be sober, industrious, and possessed of reasonable firmness of disposition.

Propositions accompanied by recommendations, can be sent to E. L. Yoder, Ashland Ohio, who will answer all questions relating to the position, wages &c.

MARTINSBURG, PA., June 22.—Our communion came off Saturday evening, June 20th. Excellent meeting. There were almost one hundred communicants—The Cause is moving along nicely. The Brethren at New Enterprise are busily engaged upon their new house of worship and will soon worship under their own vine and fig tree; none daring to molest or make us afraid.

SPANOGLE.

LANARK, ILL.—Bro J. H. Swihart was with us from June 4th, until June 14th. The weather was not very favorable the greater part of the time. On Sunday night June 7th, a heavy storm of wind and rain prevented us from having any meeting at all. Our lovefeast was held on the 12th, and we had a pleasant time. During brother Swihart's stay three united with the church and may the blessings of a kind and loving father attend them all; and guide us all upward to a purer and a sweeter life.

Z. T. LIVENGOOD.

PERU, IND., June 20th. Our communion was a success, as we all seemed to enjoy ourselves, and I believe we were all built up in the Cause of Christ. Besides, we could see sinners enlisting under the banner of Christ. There is a great work for us to do at present. Our little band is in good working condition. We have procured the services of Eld. Summers of North Manchester, as our minister, and we feel that he has done a great good at this place. May God call many such men. The church house Bro. Brown alluded to some time ago, has not been abandoned, but will be ready for dedication, of which we will give due notice.

It seems to me that there should more brethren stop with us, on their journeyings through this state, and hope they will not neglect us in the future.

J. M. Fox.

LA PAZ, IND.—Our love feast was a feast indeed to the soul. Ministers present, Bro. Holsinger, J. W. Fitzgerald, D. C. Ullery, D. S. Cripe, and W. C. Perry of Ashland College. After the 3 o'clock services we went to the water where two were baptized. One, also, was received by relation. May the Lord bless them and keep them faithful to the end, and may they become bright and shining lights before the world that others may follow their good example.

When any of our ministers travel through here, we would be glad to have them stop and preach for us. I am alone in the work, and young in the Cause. Pray for us.

Z. E. ABBOTT.

WEST INDEPENDENCE, O.—Saturday morning, June 20th, found your correspondent weeding his way toward West Independence, O., to fill the regular appointment at that place. We have preaching every four weeks, and Sunday school every Sunday

morning, and prayer meeting every Thursday evening. At our last appointment, four weeks ago, I announced that we would have a children's meeting at our next, which was June 21st. The day dawned bright and beautiful, and so did the children's faces. After Sunday school I conducted the children's meeting, instead of our regular preaching service. The meeting was very enjoyable. The attendance was large; both of children and parents. Remarks were made by Dr. White and Sister Oberholtz, Bro. Hazen, Blinn, and others. We had the exercises interspersed with good music, both vocal and instrumental; which is one-half of any good meeting. I think if you, dear readers, could all have seen the delighted, cheerful, smiling faces of the children, you would have said, it was good to be there, and you would say, let us have a children's meeting, also, at least, once a year.

I. KILHEFNER.

WATERLOO, IA., June 22.—You may want to know something more about the meetings held by Bro. Bashor.

The revival was held nine miles South of here, in the enterprising little town of Hudson. Though the town is small, the surrounding country is very thickly populated, and a better class of people I never met.

The congregations were small the first week, owing to heavy rains in this section; but with the second week came finer weather and larger congregations. The people came from far and near, and every meeting seemed to greatly increase their interest in religion. Bro. Bashor worked with his usual amount of zeal. His sermons come from the heart, and go to the heart. There was a general revival of God's Spirit among his people.

The result of the meetings was sixty-one additions; forty-three by immersion and eighteen by relation. Twelve others were converted, who will, in all probability, unite with other denominations. The opposition was strong; but if God be for us, who can be against us?

The meetings closed on the evening of the 17th with a communion service. About one hundred and forty communed. Brother Bashor could not be present on account of sickness in his family: brother J. Nicholson officiated.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

LEWIS C. SLIFLER.

BLANCO, PA.—On the evening of the 13th of the sixth month, the Brethren Church of the Cowenshannoc convened for the purpose of commemorating the sufferings and death of our adorable Redeemer. We had a joyful meeting. We felt that we enjoyed the presence and love of Jesus, while observing the solemn service of the Lord's house. Among those who participated, were some who have lived four-score years, and whose heads are whitened for the great harvest of Death. May God bless them, and us who are younger in life, and in the service of our Master; and if we should not be permitted to enjoy another communion season together as this last one, may we all strive to live during this life that we may

enjoy the great marriage supper and the communion of the saints in the Church Triumphant. The audience was large; perhaps the largest that ever assembled on such an occasion at this place. And the order and interest manifested was the best we ever enjoyed. May God bless his own Cause at Cowenshannoc, and throughout the whole world, and add to the church daily such as shall be saved.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Miami Valley.

The Farmersville congregation will have a communion meeting on Saturday, July 11th. There will be services in the afternoon, commencing at 2 P. M., and our communion services will begin at 7 P. M., promptly. Commencing our exercises so early in the evening, they will naturally conclude so much earlier. So that those coming from a distance who are compelled to return the same evening can do so in good time. We give an open and cordial invitation to our brethren and sisters in the Lord. Especially do we insist on our neighboring congregations, the Lexington and Bear Creek Brethren to be present with us. Spare the time, brethren and sisters.

The Lexington and Farmersville congregations have both decided to have a social meeting quarterly. We are to meet at some one of the brethren's homes and spend the whole day together. We expect to spend the day in religious service, social intercourse, and also attend to any business that may be necessary. This is greatly needed among us, as our social interests must not be neglected. By this arrangement we will be enabled to meet socially at least four times a year.

The Church also granted your correspondent a vacation during the month of August, which I expect to improve by visiting old friends.

In the evening, after our church meeting quite a number of brethren met at our house. The evening was pleasantly and profitably spent. Thus our quarterly social meeting was inaugurated and is now a fixed institution in our congregation. They left behind them a very substantial token of their good will.

Our church work is progressing finely, and we believe everybody feels happy.

EDWARD MASON.

To Rosedale and Rosstown.

On the evening of June 2nd, it was my pleasure to meet with the good people of Rosedale, Pa., in their new and comfortable meeting-house, erected last summer. Rosedale is a suburb of Minersville, which is a suburb of Johnstown, the great manufacturing city at the confluence of Conemaugh and Stony Creek, near the western border of the Alleghenies, on the Pa. R. R., 78 miles east of Pittsburgh. We continued the meeting one day over two weeks and it was one of the most pleasant meetings we ever attended. The interest and the attention were good from the first and continued so until the close. The immediate result was six additions. Five by baptism, and one by relation. Although not great in number the accessions are valuable ones,

being with one exception, heads of families, and we hope all will be good workers in the church. My home during the meeting was with the kind and Christian family of that sterling brother, Benjamin Benshoff, where everybody finds a welcome, and a comfortable home. On Wednesday the 17th I left them feeling that the meeting had been mutually beneficial, and the parting had that tinge of sadness peculiar to such occasions. Because the time admitted of it I stopped off at Louisville, Stark Co., O., and spent the night with the brethren there. It so happened that it was the night of the regular social meeting which I attended, and found a live body of Brethren who enjoyed the occasion as only Christ's freemen and free women can do. Truly the church at Louisville is alive, and its new commodious house of worship is one of the pleasant spots of this earth.

On the 18th, I landed at Buckeye City, familiarly known as Rosstown. Here I beheld quite a change since my last visit about a year ago. A neat little church greets you ere you leave the train, and when you enter it, you find a very comfortable house of worship, finished with all the modern improvements. About an hour after my arrival, a delegation from North Liberty, headed by that indefatigable brother, Mallott, consisting of about twenty-five brethren and sisters, drove up to the home of brother Isaac Ross, and then divided out among the brethren and friends in and around the village. At 6 P. M. we met at the church where services were held, concluding with a communion that will long be remembered. The house was densely packed with quiet and interesting spectators, and a large number remained outside, who could not gain admittance. The good cause is prospering here, as elsewhere. The membership has more than doubled since their organization about two years ago. The truth will prevail. Souls are being gathered in all over the land—and in some places they come by scores. Facing all opposition, breaking down every barrier, the cause will triumph, by faithful labor; all the misrepresentations, wiles and malice of the self-righteous enemies of God and man cannot hinder the onward march of truth. I expect to remain here over Sunday and return home by Monday night, 22nd. I return thanks for their kindness and liberality. Let the camp fires be burning, the final triumph will come by and by.

P. J. BROWN.

Buckeye City, O., June 20.

Before we can really lift up other hands, our own must have been lifted up by His good Spirit, and our own feeble knees must have been confirmed by much bowing at His foot-stool.

One earnest gaze upon Christ is worth a thousand scrutinies of self. The man who beholds the cross, and beholding it weeps cannot be really or perilously self-ignorant.

MARRIED.

HALL—JOHN—On the evening of the 21st of the sixth month, by Elder J. B. Wampler, brother Western F. Hall, and sister Nellie A. John, both of Armstrong county, Pa.